



Pest Detection and Management Programs

Plant Protection and Quarantine

Weekly Notice, September 9, 2004

This "Weekly Notice" is prepared by the Pest Detection and Management Programs (PDMP) to communicate recent important events. These notices and other more detailed program information can be found at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ep/reports/>

***Phytophthora ramorum* (PR) also known as Sudden Oak Death:**

PPQ detected *P. ramorum* at two new Oregon facilities this week. One find was at a nursery in Forest Grove, OR, that was being sampled as part of Oregon's nursery certification program. A rhododendron (variety not specified) tested positive. A stop sale order / EAN has been issued, the Confirmed Nursery Protocol has been implemented and trace forward and trace back investigations have begun. At a composting facility in Scappoose, OR, a sample of product collected as part of the trace back from a nearby production tested positive. Additional sampling is underway to better characterize the detection.

With the two new Oregon finds, as of September 9, 2004 the total number of confirmed positive sites from the trace forward, national, and other survey finds is 159 in 21 States. The total includes three residential finds; two in Georgia and one in South Carolina and one environs find in New York. The breakdown per State is: AL (3), AR(1), AZ (1), CA(53), CO(1), FL(6), GA(18), LA(5), MD(2), NC(9), NJ(1), NM(1), NY(1), OK(1), OR(12), PA(indoor), SC(3), TN(2), TX(11), VA(2) and WA (25).

APHIS - PPQ *P. ramorum* National Survey activities are complete in 13 States in the Western Region (AK, AR, AZ, CA, IA, ID, LA, MO, NE, ND, OK, SD, and MT); diagnostic results pending. As of September 8, 2004, participating States through out the nation have surveyed 2,901 sites and have collected 48,687 samples; 15 national survey sites are confirmed positive.

Next week (September 12 – 17) PPQ staff from Riverdale and the Western Region will travel to California and Oregon to be the "federal presence" on a

tour of nurseries sponsored by Monrovia Nursery and California Department of Food and Agriculture. The purpose of the tour is show agriculture officials from several states that continue to regulate CA above the Federal Order that nurseries in those states have taken actions to ensure they are shipping *P. ramorum* clean stock. States expected to participate are WV, LA, MS, AL, and DE. KY may also send a representative.

Source: Jim Writer

Asian Longhorned Beetle Critical Issues Report:

New Jersey

Carteret-Woodbridge Township

Delimiting surveys with USFS and APHIS climbers continued this week in Carteret, Linden, and Woodbridge to determine the boundaries of the infestation. The main core of the infestation, with trees showing both egg sites and exit holes remains about 1 square mile in size with about 402 infested trees. Survey results this week identified a small number of infested trees with only egg sites about 1/2 mile from the core area. Ground surveys continued this week with survey and mapping of host trees. Ground survey crews consist personnel from IL ALB, NJ FL NY PPQ, NJDA, NJDEP State Forestry, and Federal Grain Inspection Service. The NJ ALB staff and NJDA, responded to several hundred phone calls from residents as a result of our extensive public outreach efforts. No additional infested trees were found through this effort.

Two public meetings are scheduled on September 16, 2004. Carteret is holding their second public meeting at 1:30 pm. Woodbridge Township is holding their first meeting at 7 pm. NJ Agriculture Secretary Kuperus will attend the Woodbridge Township meeting. Speakers will be local officials, NJDA, NJDEP State Forestry, and APHIS PPQ.

The final stages for securing the office lease should be completed within the next few weeks. The target date for occupancy is November 1, 2004. Within the next two weeks a trailer will be set in place to serve as an interim office.



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New York

The NY Management Board is meeting on September 14, 2004 to review the status of program activities.

Illinois

An ALB awareness day is scheduled on September 15 for the Park Ridge Forest Preserve employees and volunteers.

Remote Sensing

Remote imagery will be taken over a 440 square mile area encompassing the Carteret-Woodbridge Township NJ infestation, the Jersey City NJ infestation and Staten Island NY. USDA FS and APHIS collaborated and secured 2 commercial companies to deliver the images prior to a September 20th deadline. USFS will also fly the area. The image products to be delivered are analog color infra red, color infra red digital multispectral at 2 feet resolution, and 2.5 meter resolution digital panchromatic and 10 meter resolution digital multispectral.

Public Outreach

The September issue of the ALB Quarterly Update was published.

The program contracted with a media broker to produce, manage and deliver our fall/winter "Don't Move Firewood" Advertisements. The initial meeting with the company was held this week.

Source: Christine Markham